

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, BM

SUBJ: NARCOTICS SAMPLES

REF: (A) DEA 6246 (DTG 282140Z FEB 77), (B) BANGKOK 4733,  
(C) 76 RANGOON 1729, (D) 76 RANGOON 1862, (E) 76 DEA 16007  
(DTG 082237Z JUL 76)

1. REF A STATES THAT IN APRIL 1976, "AN EFFORT WAS GOING  
TO BE MADE VIA THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IN RANGOON TO  
OBTAIN BURMESE (OPIUM) SAMPLES. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY  
FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THESE EFFORTS."

2. IN MAY 1976, THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED SAMPLES  
OF RAW OPIUM AS WELL AS MORPHINE AND HEROIN. AS REPORTED  
IN REFS C AND D, THESE SAMPLES WERE SENT TO THE DEA SPECIAL  
TESTING LAB IN MCLEAN, VIRGINIA. REF E, DATED 8 JULY 1976,  
REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TESTING LAB'S ANALYSIS  
OF THESE SAMPLES.

3. THEREFORE, WE ARE CONFUSED BY REF A'S STATEMENT ABOUT  
THE LACK OF ANY INFORMATION SINCE APRIL 1976 CONCERNING  
OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN BURMESE SAMPLES.

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4. SUBSEQUENT TO MAY 1976, WE HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,  
TOGETHER WITH VISITING DEA REPRESENTATIVES, TOLD THE  
BURMESE ABOUT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL NARCOTICS SAMPLES  
FOR USE IN THE SIGNATURE PROGRAM. AS REF B POINTS OUT,  
HOWEVER, THESE REQUESTS HAVE NOT BEEN FULFILLED.

5. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT. BEFORE WE  
AGAIN APPROACH THE BURMESE, HOWEVER, COULD YOU PROVIDE  
US WITH AN EXPLANATION TO GIVE THEM OF WHY ADDITIONAL  
SAMPLES ARE NEEDED? THIS MIGHT IMPROVE THE CHANCES  
OF SUCCESS. IF YOU COULD ALSO PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR  
THE BURMESE OF HOW THE SIGNATURE PROGRAM BENEFITS THEM,  
THIS WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE PROSPECTS OF GETTING THE  
SAMPLES.

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